

# The One Not Chosen

(Acts 1:16-26)

- Introduction:
1. How well do you remember Shammua or Gaddi?
  2. How well do you remember Joshua and Caleb?
  3. How well do you remember Matthias?
  4. How well do you remember the other man who was considered to take the place of Judas?
  5. It's this man, Joseph Barsabas that I would like for us to think about this morning.
  6. And as we consider the events that occurred to him, we can easily interpose our lives into his story as well.

## I. The Background

- A. (Acts 1:16-26).
- B. Judas has betrayed Jesus and committed suicide.
- C. Consequently, the Lord needed someone to fill his office.
- D. Two men were proposed: Joseph Barsabas and Matthias.
- E. They prayed, cast lots, and Matthias was selected.
- F. But have you ever wondered what happened to Joseph Barsabas?

## II. What Could Have Happened

- A. He could have gotten angry and become bitter (Ephesians 4:31).
- B. He could have murmured or listened to the murmuring of others (Philippians 2:14).
- C. He could have allowed his hurt and disappointment to destroy himself.
- D. What about us? How do we handle hurt and disappointment?

## III. What Should Have Happened

- A. He should have realized that though he was not chosen to be an apostle, he was still chosen to be God's child!
  1. (Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 2:9).
  2. (Numbers 16:9-10; Romans 16:23).
- B. He should have rejoiced with those who rejoiced
  1. (Romans 12:15).
- C. He should have learned the discipline of submission.
  1. (Hebrews 5:8).
  2. (Hebrews 13:17; Romans 13:1; Colossians 3:22).

- Conclusion:
1. May God help us to overcome our disappointments when they come our way.
  2. And may we instead realize all the blessings we have in Jesus!